

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Tedesco Family Trust seeks authority to acquire control of six motor passenger carriers through the acquisition of all of their shares of voting stock. All six passenger carriers hold federally issued operating authority and provide either local commuter bus service and other regular-route operations, or special or charter operations, or a combination of both. Collectively, these carriers operate between New York, NY, and various points in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), we must approve and authorize a transaction we find consistent with the public interest, taking into consideration at least: (1) The effect of the transaction on the adequacy of transportation to the public; (2) The total fixed charges that result; and (3) The interest of affected carrier employees.

Applicant has submitted the information required by 49 CFR 1182.2, including information to demonstrate that the proposed transaction is consistent with the public interest under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b). Specifically, applicant has shown that the common control of the six bus lines will have a positive effect on the adequacy of transportation to the public and will result in no increase in fixed charges and no changes in employment. *See* 49 CFR 1182.2(a)(7). Additional information may be obtained from applicant's representative.

On the basis of the application, we find that the proposed acquisition of control is consistent with the public interest and should be authorized. If any opposing comments are timely filed, this finding will be deemed vacated and, unless a final decision can be made on the record as developed, a procedural schedule will be adopted to reconsider the application. *See* 49 CFR 1182.6(c). If no opposing comments are filed by the expiration of the comment period, this decision will take effect automatically and will be the final Board action.

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This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The proposed acquisition of control is approved and authorized, subject to the filing of opposing comments.

2. If timely opposing comments are filed, the findings made in this decision will be deemed vacated.

3. This decision will be effective on February 14, 2000, unless timely opposing comments are filed.

4. A copy of this notice will be served on: (1) The U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Motor Carrier Safety—HMCE-20, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024; (2) The U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530; and (3) The U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the General Counsel, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

Decided: December 21, 1999.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Clyburn, and Commissioner Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Secretary

List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With an International Boycott

In order to comply with the mandate of section 999(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

Bahrain
Iraq
Kuwait
Lebanon
Libya
Oman
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Syria
United Arab Emirates
Yemen
Republic of

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International Tax Counsel (Tax Policy).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Modification of National Customs Automation Program Test Regarding Reconciliation

AGENCY: Customs Service, Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: On February 6, 1998, a general notice was published in the **Federal Register** announcing the Customs Automated Commercial System (ACS) Reconciliation Prototype test. Additional notices announcing modifications to the prototype were published on August 18, 1998, and July 21, 1999. This notice serves to make further modifications, as well as to announce operational aspects of the prototype not covered in the previous notices. These changes include, among other things, making the filing of NAFTA Reconciliations optional and announcing a liquidated damages process for late-filed and non-filed Reconciliations. Other aspects of the prototype test not affected by the changes announced in this notice remain the same.

DATES: The prototype testing period started on October 1, 1998. It will run for approximately two years from that date and may be extended. Applications to participate in the prototype will be accepted throughout the duration of the prototype. The liquidated damages provision and the change regarding optional filing of NAFTA Reconciliations set forth in this notice are effective on the date this document is published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESS: Written inquiries regarding participation in the prototype test should be addressed to Ms. Shari McCann, Reconciliation Team, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Mailstop 5.2A, Washington, DC, 20229-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Don Luther at (202) 927-0915 or Ms. Shari McCann at (202) 927-1106.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Administrative Procedure

Reconciliation, a planned component of the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP), as provided for in Title VI (Subtitle B) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (the NAFTA Implementation Act; Pub. L. 103-182, 107 Stat. 2057 (December 8, 1993)), is currently being tested by Customs under the Customs Automated Commercial System (ACS) Prototype test. Customs announced and explained the prototype